

REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 3, 2010

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by President of Council Regis McLaughlin with the following Members of Council present:

**RC-1 PRESENT: FAWN WALKER, ALFRED TEDESCO
 JR., MICHAEL CHEREPKO, DARRYL
 SEGINA, RICHARD DELLAPENNA,
 REGIS McLAUGHLIN, LORETTA DIGGS**

Mr. McLaughlin asked everyone to remain standing and said he wanted to congratulate Mayor Jim Brewster on becoming the new Senator of the 45th District. He said he thinks Jim will do a great job in that position and will help the City immensely and the City's loss is Harrisburg's gain.

Reverend Darrell Knopp from the McKeesport Presbyterian Church in McKeesport led the prayer.

Also present were Mayor James Brewster, City Administrator Dennis Pittman, City Solicitor J. Jason Elash, and members of the Administration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Cherepko,
 "To approve the minutes for the Regular
 Meeting of October 6, 2010."**

RC-2	YEAS:	WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA, DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS.....	7
	NAYS:	NONE.....	0

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Brewster said typically at the end of the year there are a number of people that deserve special recognition. He said they have quite a few and he wanted to take the opportunity to do that this evening. He said the first individual needs no introduction but he is going to invite Andy Sandusky up as his first guest. He said he is going to have his Assistant, Annette James, read all these recognitions. He said just so they know, Andy has been collecting for Children's Hospital for 40 years. He said Andy has done such a good job and not many people recognize what he has done and what he has collected. He said Andy goes very quietly throughout the City and if you have any extra change in your pocket and it is missing, he is the one who has been taking it. He said Andy is a good friend of his and a good friend of McKeesport. He said would Annette please read the proclamation.
- Ms. James read the Proclamation:

Andy Sandusky Recognition

Whereas, Andy Sandusky has rendered service to this area which deserves special recognition; and

Whereas, Andy Sandusky has raised funds for the Children's Hospital Free Care Fund for numerous years and has helped many children obtain treatment at Children's Hospital in

Pittsburgh which otherwise would not be available to them; and

Whereas, Andy Sandusky's dedication and zeal for his work with this organization has won him the respect and affection of children and parents of the area.

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of McKeesport, I do hereby deem it an honor and privilege to give recognition and show support to Andy Sandusky with this Certificate of Recognition and bestow upon him our sincere thanks for his dedicated service to the welfare of our Community.

- Mayor Brewster said on behalf of the City and City Council they appreciate it. He said how much money did Andy collect.
- Mr. Sandusky said over the years he collected over \$100,000 that he kept track of.
- Mayor Brewster said he would next like to ask Ed Coulter to come up. He said Ed is the Emergency Management Director and unfortunately over the last couple of years they have had some catastrophic occurrences like the snow last winter. He said how much money did they get the last couple of years from FEMA because of Mr. Coulter's efforts.
- Mr. Pittman said Ed's latest efforts brought in \$93,000, but all the way back to Hurricane Ivan, it was probably more like \$2 million.
- Mayor Brewster said Ed is a volunteer who does not get paid and does a lot of paperwork that has to be done and they tend to take that for granted. He said the department heads funnel that paperwork to Ed. He said the guy with the cane has literally brought hundreds of thousands of dollars to the City of

McKeesport over the last seven years. He said would Annette please read this proclamation.

- Ms. James read the proclamation:

Edwin Coulter – Recognition

This evidence of a commendation and appreciation is hereby bestowed upon Edwin Coulter for his many years of dedication to the Public Service in the City of McKeesport. His dedication and zeal in the work of maintaining and improving our City where he has spent countless hours as the City of McKeesport Emergency Management Coordinator in addition to many other activities has won him the respect and affection of fellow citizens. His services have been held in high regard. It is our wish on behalf of the Mayor, City Council, City Administration and all of the Residents of McKeesport that he receive this Certificate in token of our Appreciation for his many contributions to the progress of this community.

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of McKeesport, I do hereby deem it an honor and privilege to honor Edwin Coulter and further extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to him for good health and a happy life.

- Mayor Brewster said Ed should not go too far and asked him to sit close by. He said he is going to call the next bunch of names out and he is going to have Fire Chief Lust and Ed Coulter introduce their men. He said he would like the following men to come forward: Jayson Hoffman, Jim Young, Don Sabol, Adam Rummel, Pete Hough, Jeff Tomovcsik, Pat Ulm, Barry Judy, Ian Palumbo, Mark St. Clair. He said if Chief Lust would explain the events that led up to this he would appreciate it.

- Fire Chief Lust said there was a fire on Stewart Street and the rescue took place with every one of their Public Safety personnel. He said he is sorry the police were not also here getting an award. He said they were all there on the scene within three minutes and got the people out of the house. He said there was one woman who was wheelchair bound because of an operation and trapped on the second floor. He said they had one woman who got out from the first floor and told them there were two people trapped on the second floor. He said there was also a neighbor who helped by putting his ladder up for the ambulance crew to use. He said they used his ladder to go into the house to get a person out and got information from that person about others in the building. He said they then used the information the ambulance crew got to find the invalid lady and rescue that woman. He said the fire was actually an exterior porch fire that continued all the way down on an exposure. He said they had to put the fire out to get the woman out. He said these men are on duty now so they may have to leave if they get a call. He said the split decisions they made up there saved two people's lives and everyone did an excellent job. He said it just goes to show what great teamwork they have here in the City.
- Ms. James read the Recognition:

Recognition for Jayson Hoffman, Ian Palumbo, Barry Judy, Pat Ulm, Jeff Tomovcsik, Pete Hough, Adam Rummel, Donald Sabol, James Young and Mark St. Clair.

Whereas, congratulations and citations are in order for quick thinking and action in saving residents' lives during a house fire on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 2715 Stewart Street; and

Whereas, a catastrophe was avoided because of the skillful and quick response to danger and knowledge of lifesaving demonstrated by these individuals; and

Whereas, this courageous action in averting what could have been a tragic loss to family, friends and community was an act of heroism which deserves special recognition by the governing body of the City.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the sincere appreciation of the Mayor, City Council, City Administration, and all of the Citizens at large of our City are hereby extended to Jayson Hoffman, Ian Palumbo, Barry Judy, Pat Ulm, Jeff Tomovscik, Pete Hough, Adam Rummel, Donald Sabol, James Young and Mark St. Clair for their heroic action.

- Mayor Brewster said he wants to say while they are funneling out that they have their own paid Fire Department and Ambulance Base and they don't realize how valuable that is until they start saving lives. He said they like to see these guys never have to go out but they appreciate everything they do.
- Mayor Brewster said what he is going to do next is ask Police Chief Washowich to come up.
- Police Chief Washowich said he wanted to take this opportunity to also commend some of his men for heroic actions that they have taken over the course of his tenure as Chief. He said he would like to read some of these commendations that have already been awarded to the men. He said he will announce their names. He said it is kind of nice to put names to the faces of some of the Police Officers. He said he would like the Police Officers to come to the front when he

calls their name: Lieutenant Lynn, Lieutenant Bliss, Officer Marino, Officer Gault, Officer Supansky, Officer Kondrosky, and Officer Summers. He said this particular incident that these men were involved in was one of the most intense situations in which a Police Office can be involved. He said he is going to read the commendation but he will first explain briefly what had happened. He said there was a female victim who knew that she was being followed by someone. He said this female victim dialed 9-1-1 on her phone and when she realized that she was most likely going to be a victim of a crime, she hit send. He read the following commendation:

On April 6, 2010, Officers were assigned a 9-1-1 call for an open line. It was quickly recognized by extremely diligent 9-1-1 operators that a female was in imminent danger and that a violent sexual assault was in progress. The 9-1-1 operators were listening to the communications over the phone. Allegheny County 9-1-1 operators began a trace of that location and quickly discovered that this female was on a cell phone. A location was narrowed down by some incredibly intuitive 9-1-1 operators as well as our officers.

Chief Washowich said the officers were actually sectioning off a particular neighborhood and activating their air horn and the 9-1-1 operators would say whether they could hear them and tell them to move closer.

The actions eventually led to the area where the sexual assault was being committed. The perpetrator was armed and not compliant. Through necessary force, he was arrested and a stolen handgun was recovered from his person. The men later discovered this female victim was held at

gunpoint and was viciously sexually assaulted by a man who was no stranger to criminal tendencies. Although this female victim sustained an extremely traumatic situation, I feel that she had an angel looking out for her and her angel was the Officers and the 9-1-1 operators who rescued her and most likely saved her life. There are no words to describe how proud I am of each and every one of you.

- Chief Washowich said the following officers should come forward: Lieutenant Lane, Sergeant Ridzak, and Officer Toth. He read the following commendation:

On February 20 at 1:35 a.m., you men were clearing the scene of a disturbance when they heard a gunshot being fired within close proximity of your location. Officer Kondrosky saw a male with a weapon and alerted other officers. Officer Kondrosky also ordered the male to drop the gun. At that time this male raised the weapon and fired in the direction of the officers. The male then fled on foot. Officer Kondrosky along with Lieutenant Lane gave chase. The other officers began to detain other people who were with the gunman. Officer Kondrosky watched the weapon as he gave chase and eventually the male threw the weapon and Officer Kondrosky and Lieutenant Lane were able to take this man into custody. You men were faced with a situation that is considered to be the most vicious event that a police officer can ever encounter, an armed gunman that fires at the police. I cannot describe in writing how proud I am of each and every one of you. Your actions that night were heroic to say the least and you men showed exemplary professionalism in a situation that required split second decisions. Thank you for serving the City of McKeesport as you did that night.

- Chief Washowich said the following Police Officers should come to the front of the room: Detective Steele and Sergeant Craig. He read the following commendation:

On May 31, 2010, Detective Mark Steele was notified concerning a suspected clandestine methamphetamine laboratory located at 2816 Chester Street in the City of McKeesport. This day was not only your pass day but also Memorial Day. However your informant provided information that a six week old child was subject to the dangers of the operations of this laboratory. You men stopped the family activities you had planned and reported to work. As the fruit of your labor, you successfully initiated arrest on two individuals, James Hecht and Ashley Seay for operating and manufacturing a clandestine methamphetamine laboratory. Your quick and proficient investigation saved the life of a six week old infant who was subject to the chemicals involved in this operation. You also infiltrated and stopped the production of one of the most dangerous street drugs known to man, that without a doubt would have had a tremendous impact on our community had production of this methamphetamine continued. It is with great pleasure to write this letter of commendation for an outstanding job well done. Your dedication to the safety of the residents of this community has been proven tremendously by your actions. Thank you.

- Chief Washowich said he had nothing further to report.
- Mayor Brewster said is Bill Lickert outside. He said unfortunately he was unable to attend the last meeting and he wanted to give some clarification on the one Bill that was tabled that they are going to vote on tonight. He said one of the things they have tried to do is expand Renziehausen

Park by acquiring the Palkovitz Property from the Sulphur Springs down to the School Bus dealership. He said it will be an additional 23 acres that will be added to just over 200 acres in Renzie Park. He said he had plans for that and he had a ... just to give them an idea of what they are going to do (he showed Council and the audience a drawing of the plans for the area). He said this dotted line, which will go throughout the entire parcel down to the bus terminal and back up will be an extension of the Charles E. Lickert Walking Trail, which is why he asked Mr. Lickert to be here. He said this will be designated as that trail. He said this portion right here ... for those who have been after him for seven years ... will be an enclosed dog-walking park with a fence for those that want to go somewhere in the park. He said there will be an enclosed area here and a parking area here. He said for those wondering where they will drill for the gas, it will be right here. He said that is the plan for the Palkovitz property, which is now in the City's possession, correct Mr. Pittman. He said he wanted Bill to see this and he hopes Bill understands what they are trying to do. He said the red line is the existing Charles E. Lickert Walking Trail, which they will continue to update and have upgraded, and they will be able to access this from the Grandview section of the City by walking and not driving. He said his plan will be and Council's plan now will be to negotiate with the gas drillers ... and he has had preliminary discussions with them ... is that they will help put this trail in throughout this whole wooded area so that they will be able to walk that whole corridor coming off Eden Park Boulevard. He said he thinks that will be a very nice addition to the Park. He said he wanted Bill to be here so he can pass this along to his father. He said he appreciates their contribution to the City. He said Bill still comes out to the Renzie Senior Center. He said he thinks this is something that is well deserved because of their contributions to that Center and other things within the City. He said he wanted to publicly thank Bill Lickert for his efforts.

- Mayor Brewster said the last report he has is that he asked Dan Carr to come here this evening. He said for those that noticed they generally have 5 concerts in the Park and this year they had 12. He said they partnered with the Lions Club. He said Dan Carr is here tonight to give just a brief report on what he and the Lions Club and the volunteers had done throughout the summer season. He asked Dan to come up to the front.
- Mr. Carr said he first wanted to thank the Mayor. When he became President of the Lions ... their motto is "We Serve" ... they wanted to do something for the City so he went to the Mayor to see what they could do for the City. He said they had a lot of new and young members and really wanted to do something they could sink their teeth into. He said they put together a program and went out and got private funds. He said he hopes everyone saw what an alliance between the City and private funds can do to influence what goes on here. He said not only were they able to expand upon these concerts, but they were also able to showcase the Lions Club. He said the Lions Club built the Band Shell in 1952 and would like to be recognized for that and they have. He said one thing they would like to get from Council is that they would like to have the Band Shell referred to as the Lions Club Band Shell in the future. He said it is currently called whatever they want to call it and he is sure that Council would have to agree to call it the Lions Club Band Shell but that is something that the Lions Club would appreciate. He said they would like it to be called "The Lions Band Shell at Renzie Park." He said when they did this concert series it was a huge success. He said if anyone attended, they can testify to that. He said it also gave them the opportunity to gather things. He said they gathered over 100 pair of eyeglasses, which may not seem like a lot but it is. He said they send them off to third world nations. He said they also held a 50/50

drawing and made money and over 50% of that money went to the public. He said they made over \$11,000 and want to donate half of what they made during the 50/50 drawings to the City. He said they would like to give them a Certificate from the Lions Club to the Mayor and Council for allowing them to do something like this and a check for \$2,805.00.

- Mayor Brewster said thank you very much. He said the Lions Club has also agreed to build a pavilion in the area where you watch the Lions Band Shell. He said they are working with the Teamsters to try and make that happen.
- Mr. Carr said they would like to be able to maintain the Band Shell and the Pavilion and the area there. He said he knows there may be an issue with the Union there but they are volunteers and they would like to work it out.
- Mr. McLaughlin said this Council thanks the Lions Club and him also.
- Mayor Brewster said last year they made nothing on the 50/50. He said this is great progress. He said actually the bands that performed other than the five that they paid for, Dan found the funds to pay them so that did not come out of the General Fund. He said 7 of the 12 performers got paid by the Lions Club and then they split the 50/50 so it was a good deal.
- Mr. Carr said also through these booklets and these programs, just like International Village, little things like this ... if they are coordinated with the clubs, they can bring things back to the City. He said people are going to say "Yes, McKeesport." He said the main thing is that people who came to the concert said that they couldn't believe how nice this was in McKeesport. He said yes, in McKeesport.

- Mayor Brewster said thank you Dan. He said that concludes his report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Mr. Tedesco said he wanted to personally congratulate the members of Public Safety that were all honored here tonight. He said what more can be said, they are true professionals. He said one thing he wants to touch on is the election yesterday. He said no matter who someone backed, it was great to see the turnout which was near fifty-percent in Allegheny County. He said he just wished that during the local municipal elections that people would turn out in those numbers and realize that it is the local municipal elections that have more of an impact on their day-to-day lives than those statewide elections. He said next year they will have municipal elections so get out and vote. He said he would also like to congratulate the Mayor and he sees that the Mayor got his signs down pretty quick. He said what is the status of their ordinance on those signs. He said he is sure the Mayor paid his fee.
- Mayor Brewster said he paid his fee and his good brothers are picking the signs up. He said one of the things he doesn't do when he is running is follow up and see if his opponents do what they are supposed to do. He said that is Mr. Pittman's job because they tend to make that a political thing. He said he doesn't know if they paid. He said he knows they are still up and they shouldn't be.
- Mr. Tedesco said he noticed after the primary quite a few candidates left their signs up and the City has to clean it up.

- Mayor Brewster said they can follow up and Dennis can check on that. He said they should come down right away.
- Mr. Tedesco said within a realistic time.
- Mayor Brewster said within 48 hours.
- Ms. Walker said she wanted to apologize in advance because she will not be able to participate in the Veteran's Day Parade because she actually has to work. She said she wanted to let everyone know that. She said she also wanted to let everyone know she will be contacting everyone on Council because she wants to do a tree for the Festival of Trees. She said she also wants to bring up something she brought up last month about enforcement for the meters as well as enforcement for Bill #83. She said she didn't know if that was something that was going to be presented to them or they were going to talk about it in Caucus or how they were going to work that out. She said she is talking about the enforcement of the meters – it is something she brought up last month.
- Mr. McLaughlin said she wants enforcement for the meters when they are all activated.
- Ms. Walker said doesn't know how they are going to talk about it ... whether they are going to talk about it in Caucus or it will be in a Special Meeting or if it will be something that will be presented to them.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks the Police Department should develop a plan and then discuss it with them about what they plan to do. He said that is the proper way to go. He said for them to dictate to the police what to do would be wrong.
- Mayor Brewster said if Fawn has comments or thoughts on that, she should let the Chief know because he

knows she had some concerns. He said just make sure the Chief knows about them.

- Mr. Dellapenna had nothing to report.
- Mr. Segina said he went to a meeting last Thursday at Southpointe. He said at that meeting the City of McKeesport was one of fourteen communities that was recertified for the Blueprint Communities. He asked Lani Temple to come up and talk about that. He said Lani is the Chairman of the Board of Blueprint Communities.
- Ms. Temple said McKeesport was one of fourteen and they actually went to a meeting in Canonsburg. She said there were actually only eight or nine communities there to be recertified as Blueprint Community Initiatives, which is a great honor. She said it is through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh. She said it gives the City the right to apply for some grants and get some mini grants and do some things of that sort. She said the other thing that it does is it shows that McKeesport can really work together. She said their committee has grown in size and they are now building ten new homes in McKeesport but they are also looking at small businesses in town and things of that sort. She said they have continued to grow as well as helping the City to continue to grow in many ways. She said she is going to give this to Patty and it is the sign they received to be proud of themselves and the Blueprint Communities. She said they did describe what they were doing and they did invite the other communities to give them a call. She said on November 15 there is another community that is coming in to discuss with them how they have achieved their goals of building the houses and to get some advice and help. She said they are coming to get advice and help from McKeesport which is a nice honor for McKeesport.

- Mr. Segina said he can't stress the importance of being a Blueprint Community because it entails a lot of the agencies in the City to do the important work of restoring the neighborhoods. He said those agencies include the McKeesport Housing Corporation, the McKeesport Housing Authority, the Weed and Seed and also McKeesport Development Corporation. He said they all unite again in one cohesive unit to put together a plan for the City of McKeesport. He said along with that he talked two months ago about the Senate passing a bill about the Neighborhood Blight Preservation Program. He said that bill was passed in the House. He said how effective that is going to be he doesn't know but it will give them the opportunity to cite some of the slum landlords they have in their town to get these houses before they get demolished and put such a crimp in their funds here. He said they can now possibly go after the personal property of these landlords even if they are out of state. He said he doesn't know how that is going to be effective or not but it does give them a chance to place the importance on their code enforcement officer, their building inspector and their Blueprint Community group. He said he thanks them for all of that.
- Mr. Segina said in response to Dan Carr he would like to make a motion to authorize the Administration to have a sign made at Helderlein's. He said where the City of McKeesport is at the top of the apex of the first ring, they can put the Lion's Club Band Shell or whatever they want on there. He said then they can have Rosso put that sign up there.

MOTION: **Mr. Dellapenna moved, seconded by Mr. Cherepko, "To authorize the Administration to have a sign made for the Lions Bandshell."**

RC-3 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Ms. Diggs said she had the privilege of going to Philadelphia to an African American and Latino Convention, which was really outstanding. She said she got in touch with Senator Anthony Williams who was very impressed with our Mayor and wanted to meet him and that was made possible. She said they had a very beautiful meeting. She said this was given by Top Magazine and her group which she is co-chair of the Mon Valley Action Committee. She said that is all she has.
- Mr. Cherepko said as mentioned earlier by Mr. Tedesco he does want to commend all the individuals for all their heroic efforts and their dedication and commitment to the City. He said he personally wants to thank each and every one of them. He said he wanted to thank Patty and Dennis for covering for him at the TRCOG meeting for him this month.
- Mr. McLaughlin said as everyone knows he finally got his picture in the paper cutting the ribbon to the new store in the 300 block of Fifth Avenue, which is the Sprint store. He said it is called Boost and is backed by Sprint. He said it is a good thing. He said the McKeesport Municipal Authority will be taking over the Duquesne Municipal Authority on November 8 and will start billing their patrons on December 1. He said that is more money coming to the Authority in the City of McKeesport.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:

CLIFFORD FLEGAL, 420 ATLANTIC AVENUE, McKEESPORT, PA 15132. Mr. Flegal said he first wanted to say seeing Patty Williams scurrying around here getting things ready takes him back to the days when he was City Clerk and it was the some of

the nicest times of his life. He said it is a pleasure to be here tonight. He said he was going to tell them a story about the traffic sign on West Fifth Avenue at Perry Street, which should be put back out because it was there for 60 some years. He said he had a little conversation with the Mayor prior to the meeting and he told him some good news so therefore he doesn't have to make a speech. He said it is with regard to the traffic sign at Perry Street because it is a speedway. He said when he was City Clerk he was also Secretary of the Traffic Commission and he had that sign put up. He said four people were killed there and one was his mother's best friend. He said since that sign has been up, there have not been as many accidents. He said the Mayor had some good news with regard to that traffic sign so he can cut his speech short. He said in the meantime, he wants to congratulate the Mayor on being elected to the State Senate. He said they are going to miss him in the City because he thinks he is doing a good job ... and he is a life-long Republican saying that but he voted for him. He said he hopes Council uses prudence in picking his successor and hopes things go on good in the City. He said he is only 90 years old and wants to live to be 100 so keep the City going and bring it back to what it used to be. He said he is glad to see them all here tonight.

- Mayor Brewster said there is another family here tonight as well with concerns about the stop sign that they took out when they did the work over there. He said it is his recommendation to this Council that the stop sign be replaced. He said the speed is going to be excessive and it is going to be dangerous and the issue is not so much crossing but getting out of Perry. He said if they need more testimony, there is another family here this evening but he did tell them and they had talked on the phone that he would like to see Council consider putting the stop sign back where it was. He said it definitely is going to be a speedway, so it is in their hands.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks that was voted on already, years and years ago that the stop sign be put up there. He said

since it was already voted on, all they are doing is replacing the sign. He said he doesn't think a vote needs to be taken, they should just go ahead and do it.

- Mr. Tedesco said the Mayor would know if there is a problem with Penndot in replacing the sign.
- Mayor Brewster said they should negotiate with Penndot, because if Penndot has issues then they should let them know what they are doing. He said he doesn't think they should back down from it and he doesn't think they want them to. He said they cannot exit Perry Street from there. He said the sign will not go up tomorrow but they should instruct the Solicitor to start those discussions before something happens. He said that is what the public is telling them, to take action now before something happens. He said they should start that process.
- Mr. McLaughlin said Jason should look into the legal ramifications on it and find out what they should do.
- Mr. Elash said he will contact Penndot and see if they have any issues with the sign and if not they can put it up. He said if Penndot does, he will report back to Council and they can negotiate something.

REVEREND DARRELL KNOPP, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA.

Reverend Knopp is the Pastor of the McKeesport Presbyterian Church on Versailles and Union Avenue. Reverend Knopp said some time ago he sent a letter to the City thanking them for the work that was done ... and this was a couple of years ago now for paving Versailles Avenue from Craig Funeral Home to Evans Avenue and at the end of the letter he wrote he will look forward to the day when He said that day has come because as Pastor of McKeesport Presbyterian Church, he is here to thank the City and whoever is responsible for the paving that was done and the work that was done along Versailles past their Church and up Union Avenue. He said he did not get a letter written and since he was here tonight, he thought he would take that opportunity.

He said on a personal note, their church had recently a missionary from Malawi, which is the sixth poorest country in the world. He said they have a sister church there. He said the gentleman who was among them saw his very first train, the train from which they just heard the noise. He said so in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, someone came halfway around the world to experience his very first opportunity to see a train. He said he just thought that was something that is not historic but unique.

GERALD TEDESCO, 814 FAWCETT AVENUE, McKEESPORT, PA. Mr. Tedesco said he is here because he is the President of the McKeesport Fire Local 10. He said the reason he is here is because of a photo op that said Real Men Wear Pink. He said he is here to address that very quickly. He said that all started when he attended their International Union Convention back in August in San Diego where there was a motion on the floor to actually promote Firefighters wearing Pink in the month of October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. He said that has been a growing cause among Firefighters. He said cancer is a leading cause of death among firefighters and believe it or not breast cancer is one of those although not the leading cause but one of them. He said he took that cause back and talked to the board members and the brought it to the union meeting. He said they had to act fast because it was the October Union meeting. He said they then talked to Fire Chief Lust and they were given permission to wear pink shirts on the job. He said the shirts were designed by Firefighter Matt Holtzman and he actually has a shirt for each one of them. He said he apologizes because he would have liked to have them for the October meeting. He said the reason he is addressing this is that he wanted to thank Chief Lust for allowing them to do this in the month of October. He said they did wear the shirts for half the month of October and called it the Courage for the Cure and hope to do this next year. He said with his support and the City's support, he wants to thank them, the Mayor and Council for allowing them to do that. He said congratulations to the Mayor.

- Mr. McLaughlin said thank you for the jerseys.

LARRY WALLACE, 1818 JENNY LIND STREET, McKEESPORT, PA. Mr. Wallace said he was here because he is President of the McKeesport Action Committee Against Youth Violence and Chairman of Justice for Neighborly Love. He said he is here because he has been trying to open up a gym for six months. He said the Mayor has been trying to help him. He said he just wanted to get it out because he has 106 kids and 91 of them are gang members. He said he is trying to open this gym because they said they want to box and it is something they want to do. He said he has 15 people who are over 65 years old who want to train them. He said those people are Jimmy Chavis, Billy Baker, Rudy Richardson, Larry Wallace, Robert France, Tony Pettifour, Chester Stone, Jackie Coleman, Eugene Grimbball, Willie and Willis Wilson, James and Kenny Berkley, Junior Kiret and Claudie Coleman. He said all these guys are over 65 years old and they want to help him in this gym. He said he needs some help. He said he talked to the Mayor and he went to the School Board trying to get some help but that was six months ago and there isn't anything happening yet. He said he wants everyone to know that they need to try to get these kids off the streets. He said if they save one kid it is a good thing. He said this Action for Justice for Neighborhood Love buried six kids because they didn't have insurance. He said they are trying to get these kids something to do so they can save somebody.

- Mayor Brewster said what Mr. Wallace is referring to and hopefully this Council will move forward with ... Action Housing has now taken control of the YMCA building. He said it was their hope that they could use the gymnasium to do some of the things that they wanted to do. He said the gymnasium is not being used, just some of the housing parts. He said he would ask that the Council going forward would continue the dialogue with Action Housing. He said he did bring it to their attention. He said since they are in the beginning stages of taking over the building, they did not decline the partnership, they just need to get their paperwork in place. He said he thinks it is a good deal. He said he knows Larry has some good trainers but also some

good boxers that are actually in the profession that he brought into town. He said there are qualified people here. He said he knows the Chief has been working with Larry. He said they have the people in place now they just have to get the site. He said he thinks that would be a good site, and it is centrally located. He said Mr. Pittman is aware of Action Housing's plan and Fawn is too so they will keep them in the loop.

- Mr. McLaughlin said Mr. Pittman has looked at the YMCA and talked to somebody.
- Mr. Pittman said they sent letters out.
- Mayor Brewster said he won't be one of the trainers but he might be one of the punching bags.
- Mr. Wallace said he brought the number one contender in the world in and he is going to give him all the equipment he needs for the gym. He said Mayor Brewster and the Chief met him. He said he went to the School Board too. He said for six months, these kids are still killing each other so they need to do something. He said they need to do something. He said they buried six kids and got in touch with a funeral home that gives them a funeral for \$1,500 because all these kids don't have any insurance. He said cremation is \$700 and that is a gift. He said still these kids are killing each other and they have to try to do something to stop them.

TABLED BILLS:

BILL #160: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE MANSFIELD BRIDGE.

Mr. McLaughlin said Bill #160 will remain on the Table.

MOTION: Ms. Diggs moved, seconded by Mr. Cherepko,
"To remove Bill #71 from the Table."

MOTION: Mr. Cherepko moved, seconded by Ms. Diggs, "To adopt Bill #71."

- Mr. Tedesco said he actually had some concerns about this Bill last month but after speaking with the Solicitor and learning that once they make this part of Renzie Park that it will not preclude them further from doing anything further with it, he will vote in favor of it.
- Mr. Segina said did Mr. Elash have the covenants that they requested. He said Mr. Elash said he had them last night.
- Mr. Elash said he has a legal opinion. He said there are no covenants that would affect this parcel as part of Renzie Park once you have dedicated it. He said there is nothing in the ordinances that would preclude this from taking place. He said he is giving them a legal opinion and has begun the process of getting a title search done on all the other parcels in Renzie but none of those restrictions would apply to this parcel that are contained in those deeds. He said they would only apply to those other parcels.
- Mr. Segina said if there are more wells dug on that property out there, how would that affect that property.

- Mr. Elash said the lease they have with the gas company limits them to just the Palkovitz property. He said he heard some rumors that the City is drilling all over Renzie Park and that is not the case, it is just on this Palkovitz site and he thinks the Mayor is contemplating additional wells because it is additional revenue and will fund the spreading of the trail throughout that particular parcel. He said what he is referring to is if they remember the hearing they held, is that they design their roads with the City's permission to access the wells, so the City is going to try to do that with the extension of the trail. He said if the gas company is building a road they will help them clear out the areas and level out the areas where the trail will be.
- Mr. Cherepko said will Council determine the number of wells they drill.
- Mayor Brewster said yes, that will always come before Council.
- Mr. Tedesco said they will actually regulate what they can do and they are actually regulated by the DEP.

RC-5 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
 DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #10-18 – BILL #80: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING MERRITT ALLEY, SITUATE IN THE TENTH WARD OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT FROM A POINT BEING LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF MERRITT ALLEY 20' R/W WITH THE EXTENDED WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF REBECCA STREET, THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE IN A

SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 147.19' TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ARMOR ALLEY 20' R/W, CONTAINING 2,943 SQ. FT.

MOTION: Mr. Cherepko moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #80."

RC-6 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7
NAYS: NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #10-19 – BILL #81: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING MARTIN STREET SITUATE IN THE FIFTH WARD OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT FROM A POINT BEING LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF MARTIN STREET 15' R/W WITH THE EXTENDED NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LYSLE BOULEVARD, S.R.0148, THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION 104.85' TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CSX TRANSPORTATION INC. CONTAINING 1,553 SQ. FT.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To adopt Bill #81."

RC-7 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7
NAYS: NONE..... 0

ORDINANCE #10-20 – BILL #82: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING THE FEES, FINES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH REGULATED RENTAL UNIT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT.

MOTION: **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Segina,
 “To adopt Bill #82.”**

RC-8 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
 DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

**RESOLUTION #2010-61 – BILL #83: A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF McKEESPORT
WITH THE FIELD OF OPERATION OF THE ALLEGHENY
COUNTY RESIDENTIAL FINANCE AUTHORITY AND ITS
MORTGAGE PROGRAM; NEW 2010 SERIES SINGLE FAMILY
MORTGAGE REVENUE BOND PROGRAM.**

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr.
 Dellapenna, “To adopt Bill #83.”**

RC-9 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
 DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

**RESOLUTION #2010-62 – BILL #84: A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY
OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DAVEY
TREE SERVICE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE I OF TREE
INVENTORY UNDER MULTI-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
TREE INVENTORY WORKBOOK IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$12,000.00 TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2010
ALLEGHENY REGIONAL ASSET DISTRICT (ARAD)
CONTRACT.**

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr.
 Dellapenna, “To adopt Bill #84.”**

RC-10 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7
NAYS: NONE..... 0

AMEND THE AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr.
Cherepko, "To amend the Agenda to include
Bills #85 and #86."

RC-11 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7
NAYS: NONE..... 0

**RESOLUTION #2010-63 – BILL #85: A RESOLUTION OF
THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX
AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2011 WITH
THE TERMS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AND
ATTACHED CERTIFICATE AND TRANSMITTAL; APPROVING
A FORM OF NOTE; AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED OFFICERS
TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING AND
DIRECTING THE FILING OF PROCEEDINGS WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND
SECURITY OF THE NOTE; MAKING CERTAIN FEDERAL
INCOME TAX COVENANTS IN RESPECT OF THE NOTE;
ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF PNC BANK FOR THE
PURCHASE OF THE NOTE; AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT
RESOLUTIONS.**

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco,
"To adopt Bill #85."

COMMENTS:

- Mayor Brewster said he would like to comment. He said in the past seven years they have gone from \$2.3 million in a T/A note down to \$1.5 million so they have reduced that debt by 30% in 7 years, which is another good indication that their financial situation is improving.

RC-12 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

RESOLUTION #2010-64 – BILL #86: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORITY THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH KU RESOURCES, INC. TO CONDUCT A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS IN RELATION TO THE INSTALLATION OF NEW LIGHTING AT THE SULPHUR SPRINGS/HEATHERINGTON FIELD AREA IN RENZIE PARK.

MOTION: Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Cherepko, "To adopt Bill #86."

COMMENTS:

- Mr. Segina said last night he said it was mentioned that there were three grant applications being made to cover this. He said is that correct.
- Mr. Pittman said this particular activity is the planning activity so they can do the location for the light towers for the Sulphur Springs and that payment will come out of the state grant from the Department of Community and Natural Resources.

RC-13 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

Mr. Pittman said there is no Controller's report but they are asking for Council's approval of bills in the amount of \$38,907.51. He said a warrant has been sent out to the Controller and there is enough money to pay the bills.

MOTION: **Mr. Cherepko moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$38,907.51."**

COMMENT:

- Mr. Segina said those bills don't go out of the office.
- Mr. Pittman said no, Laura Green is signing on Ray's behalf. He said none of the checks leave City Hall. He said copies of the checks go to Ray and the warrant list is delivered to him as well.

RC-14 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Pittman said the International Village report is done but the meeting of the Committee is tomorrow night so he felt they should see it first. He said as soon as it is presented to them he will give it to Patty so it can be put in their boxes on Friday. He said they will then have a fully loaded financial report from the 2010 International Village. He said the Christmas Parade is on November 20 and it starts at noon. He said the dignitaries include Brenda Waters and Jon Burnett from KDKA. He said the Masters of Ceremony are Brooks Broadhurst and Bill Bates from Eat 'N Park. He said of course they will have the other performing acts. He said they will have all of the lights working and the banners up

for the parade so it will look very festive for the parade. He said he would also like a motion or a vote from Council to change Laura Green from Finance Manager in the Finance Department to City Treasurer. He said she would assume the Supervisory duties of the floor. He said it is a Department Head position and Ms. Green would still be receiving the same salary but would be overseeing the ladies and gentlemen down on that floor.

MOTION: **Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To change Laura Green from Finance Manager to City Treasurer in the Finance Department."**

RC-15 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
 DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Segina said before Mr. Pittman continues he wondered where the money was coming from for the Christmas decorations along Fifth Avenue.
- Mr. Pittman said it is coming from the Downtown Business Authority. He said Richard and Fawn sit on that committee and worked with that committee.
- Mr. Segina said he thinks they should send them a thank you note for those.
- Mr. Pittman said while he is passing this around, he has a fourth item. He said he has been told by the 45th Senatorial candidate-elect that he is going to keep the offices of the Senator's district here in McKeesport but there are going to be split sites for that and one site is going to be at 502 Fifth Avenue and one at 201 Lysle Boulevard. He said he would like a motion from Council to authorize the commercial leases. He said with Senator Brewster the initial lease will start November 17 and will be adjusted by the State Department of Revenue in accordance with their budget per

square foot. He said they are going to have to measure the square footage of the two locations in accordance with the state requirements.

MOTION: Mr. Segina moved, seconded by Mr. Tedesco, "To authorize commercial leases for office space for Senator James Brewster and Congressman Doyle at 502 Fifth Avenue and 201 Lysle Boulevard."

- Mayor Brewster said the office is on Lysle Boulevard and it was always there intent to get Senator Logan and Congressman Doyle into this building and they were working on that a year ago. He said it has finally come to closure. He said they are now getting rental income from this building that pays for the building that ordinarily would be a burden for the taxpayers.

RC-16 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Pittman said they were using the Lysle Boulevard garage for storing boats and they are no longer doing that because they have interest in that for other commercial development. He said Ray Dougherty needs other space to do winter storage of boats and they have been in communication with Allegheny County for the temporary use of the Capco Building and have received response from Bob Hurley of the County that they will cooperate with the City to use that facility during the winter of 2010-11. He said all the City needs to do is share with them 50% of the boat rentals and move the boats down there themselves. He said the City carries marina insurance on winter boat storage. He said he would like a motion from Council to authorize the solicitor to enter into a cooperation agreement or memorandum of understanding with the County for the use of that facility for boat storage during 2010-11.

- Mr. Segina said will there be any lighting or security down there.
- Mr. Pittman said he talked to Ray today and he said they are going to put a fence gate up with a lock on it. He said he doesn't know whether there will be any interior light for that or not.
- Mr. McLaughlin said is there fencing all the way around the property now.
- Mr. Pittman said Ray is going to put it across the front where the opening is to the building with a key lock and gate.
- Mr. Segina said he would suggest he get some kind of security system down there because that is a lot of money tied up in those boats down there. He said those are open doors.
- Mayor Brewster said they are going to close those doors. He said the County is going to share in the revenue and they building is going to be secured in addition to the fence that goes around the property.

MOTION: **Mr. Tedesco moved, seconded by Mr. Segina, "To authorize the solicitor to enter into a cooperation agreement with Allegheny County to use the Capco Building for boat storage for 2010-2011."**

RC-17 YEAS: WALKER, TEDESCO, CHEREPKO, SEGINA,
 DELLAPENNA, McLAUGHLIN, DIGGS..... 7

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mr. Pittman said as of 10:30 this morning, the draft of the 2011 budget for the City of McKeesport is in balance and that number is \$19,499,483.75. He said he will get copies of that to all of Council by Friday and they will need to take action at the December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

President of Council Regis McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Williams
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Regis T. McLaughlin
President of Council

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